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Letter dated 31 December 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as the representative of the country that is the current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement adopted by the Committee on Palestine of OIC (see annex).

I should appreciate it if you would kindly have the text of the present letter and and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 30, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mustafa AKSIN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement adopted by the Committee on Palestine of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on 30 December 1992

The Committee on Palestine of the Organization of the Islamic Conference met in New York on 30 December 1992 to consider the grave and dangerous situation that has ensued as a result of the Israeli Government's illegal mass deportation of over four hundred Palestinian civilians from the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, on 17 December 1992. The Committee strongly condemned these deportations, which constitute a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, violate the relevant Security Council resolutions and clearly jeopardize the peace process currently under way.

While welcoming the adoption of Security Council resolution 799 (1992) and appreciating the steps taken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this regard, the Committee on Palestine stressed the need for the prompt and full implementation of the resolution to secure the safe and immediate return of all those deported. The Committee also noted that the extreme suffering and the dire conditions of the deportees necessitate that even more rapid action be taken by the international community to implement resolution 799 in order to bring to an end this tragic situation and to prevent any similar illegal action by the Israeli Government in the future.

The Committee on Palestine decided to remain seized of the matter and to closely observe any developments in this regard, including the impending report of the Secretary-General and the subsequent action of the Security Council in response to that report. The Committee also noted, with appreciation, the actions taken by the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Dr. Hamid Algabid, in relation to the issue of deportations of the Palestinian civilians.